



# The Parish of Ss. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury Erdington Abbey

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Served by the Redemptorists since 1922

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SUNDAY: 6.00pm (Vigil Sat) 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 12.00, 6.00pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am & 7.30pm. Tuesday & Friday 10.00am. Saturday 9.30am

Confessions: Wednesday 10.30am-11.00am Saturday 10.00-11.00am and 4.30-5.00pm

Novena Service: Wed: 7.00pm.

Parish Office: Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9-11am and 1-4.30pm. Wednesday: morning only.  
Holy Shop: 10.30-12noon and 2.30 until 3.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, . Closed all day Wednesdays

15th December 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### Third Sunday of Advent

6.00pm: John Farrell RIP

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Pham Thi Hoai &

Pham Van Phan

10.30am: Gerard Hanratty RIP

12.00 noon: Ollie Eivors RIP

6.00pm: Mary & Michael

Carney RIP

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Dave Geaney

11.30am: Carl Griffiths

#### Requiem

7.30pm: Elizabeth Birch

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: John Wood

7.00pm: Penitential

#### Service

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Augustine Asefon

7.30pm: Joe Forker RIP

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Peter Lane RIP

7.30pm: Lewis Cox RIP

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am: Patrick McGeough RIP

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

9.30am: William McNamara RIP

6.00pm: Bernard Corcoran RIP

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am: All Parishioners

9.15am: Ken Doble & Sheila

Puplampu RIP

10.30am: Angela & Nello

Allegrini RIP

12.00 noon: Mike Pilnick RIP

6.00pm: Able Sajan

Collection: £1,702.97

CAFOD: £48.55

Zimbabwe: £4.50

Holy Souls: £14.20

2nd Collection

Upkeep of the Church

Thank you  
for your generosity

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anabella Maric, Dee Dunstan, Kathleen Boyle Snr, Tess Reidy, Mary Lawlor and Dorothy Denieffe who are sick and David Davoren who has died.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.** I ask you to think about receiving this sacrament before Christmas. This is a good opportunity to come along and make your confession as there will be several priests available, and limited time afterwards as Saturday 21st December will be the last opportunity. So please make the effort to come along this Tuesday at 7.00pm.

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE** A grand total of £5,565.00 was raised— thank you very much. The winner of the Brexit Bear was Jamie Dixon with the name of Raaj.

### FLOWERS IN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS:

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the Church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation, with the name of the person you would like remembered, in the Parish Office **no later than 11.00am on Tuesday 24th**, thank you. Names will be displayed in the Church porch over the Christmas season.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH:** If you can spare an hour or so to help decorate the Church after the 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve, I would be grateful. Thank you very much.

**FESTIVE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** in the Hall after the 10.00am Mass this Wednesday. Please come and join us.

**ABBEY CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS CARD** is now on sale in the Holy Shop, price 50p. Also Abbey diaries on sale price 75p. Catholic Directories also on sale £3.50. **The holy shop will close from Friday 20th December until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

**A CHRISTMAS CARD WITH A DIFFERENCE Bro Benjamin Feeding Project.** The Redemptorists have been running this project for the last three years. Many children in Zimbabwe have been orphaned by HIV/Aids. Often children as young as twelve are left to bring up younger siblings. By buying a gift card for £10.00 to send to your friends and relatives, you are buying maize for a family for a month. If you wish to purchase a gift card please see Claire.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Thank you to all who are official watchers during the year. We will resume our Parish Adoration in the New Year. The church will be closed after morning Mass and open at 7.00pm when there is an evening Mass.

**ABBEY PRIMARY NATIVITY PLAY:** Reception Classes will be performing their **Nativity on Tuesday 17th December** The 2:15pm performance is for Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners. We ask that toddlers/babies DO NOT attend this session. Tickets, which are free, are available from the school office. You need a ticket to attend so that the seating capacity in the hall is not exceeded. Please park off-site or in the bottom car park if you are attending, thereby leaving the top church car park free for visitors to the Church.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ERDINGTON:** Christmas Carols on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am opposite St Barnabas Church in Erdington High Street. All are welcome.

**Thanks** from the King and Reddan family to Frs Dickinson and Elias and to all who sent Mass or sympathy cards, attended Eileen King's funeral or donated to her chosen charity, CAFOD. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**ABBEY 500 + TOTE:** Winning numbers were: 5, 6, 16 & 21. No Jackpot Hit this week and no winners from the Abbey. Next week's Jackpot will be £425.00. Be in it to win it!

## Parish Priest's Corner

This past week has been a busy one with three funerals a wedding and school confessions! The Christmas Fayre has started our run up to Christmas. Please take note of the Penitential Service on Tuesday evening. Let's be prepared for the coming of our Saviour this Christmas. As schools break up on Friday, I encourage the families of the parish to come to the Christmas Family Mass at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. See you there!  
Have a blessed week. Fr Elias C.Ss.R